THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE V.V.S.RAO

WRIT PETITION No.17375 of 2003

Dated: 29-09-2006

Between:

Smt. P. Laxmi Devi and others.

..... PETITIONERS

AND

The Joint Collector, Ranga Reddy District, and another.

.....RESPONDENTS

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ORDER:

The five petitioners are aggrieved by the notice dated 05-08-2003 issued by respondent No.1 advising them to appear before him on 23-08-2003 at 11.00 A.M. They seek a writ of Certiorari to quash the said notice. There is no denial that the impugned notice was issued by respondent No.1 while exercising the powers under Section 9 of the Andhra Pradesh Rights in Land and Pattadar Pass Books Act, 1971, on a reference made by the Revenue Divisional Officer (East Division), Ranga Reddy District in a matter of proposing conversion of land from agriculture to non-agriculture as per the report of the Mandal Revenue Officer (MRO), respondent No.2 herein. Therefore, nothing prevents the petitioners to approach MRO and raise all the objections including the question of jurisdiction. Against a notice of enquiry, a writ petition would not lie, which is a settled law as held by the Supreme Court in **Special Director v. Mohd. Ghulam Ghouse**[1]. Therefore, the writ petition is dismissed giving liberty to the petitioners to raise all the objections as raised in this writ petition before MRO. No costs.

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(**V.V.S.RAO, J**)

29th September, 2006

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[1] 2004(3) SCC 440